MOSCHUS PYGMÆUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Cornua nulla.
Dentes laniarii ſuperiores ſolitarii exſerti.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 91.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

MOSCHUS pedibus humano digito anguſtioribus.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 92.

Quadrupedem ungulatorum ſi non minimum, unum tamen e minimis cenſetur elegantiſſimum hoc animal; vix feli minori magnitudine par. Scatent illo Indiæ Orientalis variæ regiones; necnon inſula Java. Corpore eſt agili, et ingenio vivido. Primo intuitu vix ad genus Moſchi pertinere videtur: cum tamen a Linnæo et Pennantio ita diſponitur, quis inficias ibit? Dentes laniarii ſuperiores in hac ſpecie non exſerti, ut in Charactere Generico, ſed breviſſimi ſunt. Beſtiolæ hujus color ſuperiori parte plerumque eſt ſubferrugineus, inferiori albidus: ſed in hoc ipſo ſpecimine (adhuc in Muſeo Leveriano conſervato) collum faſciis albis pulchre notatum eſt.

THE

PYGMY MUSK.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

No *Horns.*

Two long *Tuſks* in the upper jaw.

Eight ſmall cutting *Teeth* in the lower jaw, none in the upper.

Linnæus and *Pennant.*

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

MUSK with legs of ſmaller diameter than the human finger.

GUINEA MUSK.

Pennant. Hiſt. Quadr. p. 115.

This elegant little creature is one of the ſmalleſt of the hoofed quadrupeds, being ſeldom more than about 9 Inches in length; or about the ſize of a ſmall cat. It abounds in ſeveral parts of the Eaſt-Indies, and is common in the iſland of Java. It is an animal of a very agile and lively diſpoſition. At firſt view one would not be inclined to rank this creature in the genus Moſchus or Muſk. Yet, ſince both Linnæus and Mr. Pennant have agreed in ſo doing, we ſhall not object to its being thus placed. The tuſks in the upper jaw are, however, very ſhort, ſo that it does not ſhew, in a ſtriking manner, that particular of its generic character. This little ſpecies is generally of a tawny colour above, and white below; but the individual ſpecimen, from which this figure was taken (and which is now in the *Leverian* Muſeum), is ſtreaked in a remarkable manner on the neck with white.